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FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

District Matters Discussed in the Senate.

Passage of the Water-Rate Bill—A Better Supply for Capitol Hill—The Chinese Bill Passed as Amended—Internal Revenue Bill Taken Up—The Legislative Appropriation Bill in the House.

Senate.

SATURDAY, Feb. 15, 1879.

Mr. ANTHONY, from the Committee on Printing, reported favorably on the resolution to print 700 extra copies of certain documents relating to the improvement of the sewerage and sanitary condition of Washington, D. C. Agreed to.

Mr. ANTHONY moved to amend the amendment by providing that all clerks appointed to the Department shall be appointed from States not having more than one-half representation in such Department.

The amendment as amended was then rejected.

Mr. FULLER offered an amendment for the appointment of additional clerks in the Post Office, to carry out the provisions of the pension arrangement.

Mr. ATKINS stated that the Committee on Appropriations was now preparing a bill to carry out that in which an appropriation would be made for the corresponding period last year. The total exports of produce since January 1 were \$87,352,223, against \$73,335,246 for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. HANNA immediately offered another amendment to the like object, and appropriating \$82,250 for that purpose.

Mr. SPARKS said that a bill could be reported in a few days to lay the arrangements of pensions, and it would provide all the necessary increase of clerical force.

Mr. HANNA replied that his fear was that that bill might fail.

It was then remarked that even in case of a defeat, and the failure of my own amendment bills, Mr. McMAHON presented a petition of the New Jersey delegation in favor of the erection of a monument to Christopher Columbus by the Republics of the Western Hemisphere, and that the United States shall take the initiative. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. ROLLINS called my own bill to a vote, and the Committee voted to sustain it, and to direct the District to fix the water rates within its District not to exceed 30 per cent., also authorizing the District Commissioners to borrow \$2,000 from the Treasury of the District to improve the water supply of Capitol Hill.

Messrs. KENNEDY and KERNAN objected to the bill, but did not make out their case. There was an important matter, and it should be discussed.

Mr. KERNAN moved to strike out the second section of the bill authorizing the Commissioners to borrow \$2,000 from the State Treasurer.

He said all the cities in his State got their water without any loan from the United States, and he did not see why the people of this District should do so as well.

Mr. ROLLINS said no one could lose a cent by this loan. The money was turned over, as ample provision was made therefor.

Mr. KERNAN said there had been large advances made to the District from the United States Treasury, and he had been told none of them were returned.

Mr. DAVIS (Va.) said very few times had the money taken out of the Treasury of the District been returned. There was nothing in the bill to prevent the money from being used for some other purpose. Congress had agreed to one-half of the expenses of the District. That was right and just, but the District should have the same amount of money from the Treasury every time some little improvement was needed.

Mr. ROLLINS said the Senator from West Virginia should be allowed an instance when money borrowed by the District was not returned to the Treasury. It had been returned in every instance, and he wanted to strike out the words referring to the work to be done in the city of Washington.

Mr. GOODRICH defended the Bureau of Education, and said that the amount of money for the furnishing of statistics, which work could not be done so efficiently by the States, As a strict construction of the Statute which was unable to apply to the whole country.

Mr. COX (N. Y.) moved to strike out the whole paragraph in reference to the Bureau of Education, as it was not in the interest of any State, and ought to be wiped out, leaving the whole subject of education to the State where it properly belongs.

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Mr. HASKELL intimated that the secret of Mr. COX's opposition to the Bureau of Education was that he was afraid it would be a continuation of the old Bureau of Education, and that it was only so many Republican campaign documents in disguise.

Mr. COX's amendment was rejected.

Mr. GOODRICH moved to increase several items of appropriation for the Bureau of Education—that for contingent expenses from \$8,000 to \$15,000.

Mr. GOODRICH moved to increase the appropriation for the office of Auditor of Railroads Accounts from \$11,450 to \$19,000, agreeing as a reason that the Auditor of Railroads was not doing his duty.

Mr. COX characterized the Bureau of Education as a fiasco, and intimated that the interest of publishing the good text books was in the case.

He was not opposed to education. On the contrary, there were some men in the House who were better educated than those educated (laughed) especially on State Rights.

Mr. HASKELL said if this temporary loan should be made, the people of Capitol Hill, who were suffering for water, would get it six months sooner than they would otherwise.

Mr. THURMAN said water was the only thing in the District of Columbia that money borrowed by the District was not returned to the Treasury. It had been returned in every instance, and he wanted to strike out the words referring to the work to be done in the city of Washington.

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After a short debate the motion was rejected.

The portion of the bill relating to the judicial examination of the Government was passed over for the present, the Government was asked to be present.

Mr. DODSEY said this was an effort on the part of the people of Capitol Hill to get water, they having paid their taxes but had not been able to get water. He wanted to strike out the words referring to the water rates which had been expended in that section where the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Edwards) resides. Very little had been expended in that section, and the amount was less than the cost of the legislation of Congress (Capitol Hill), he asked that it be struck out.

Mr. BROWN (Capitol Hill) was the most neglected portion of the city. The navy-yard was abundantly supplied with water, but on Capitol Hill there was no water. The water of the Central Park, 1873, from the reservoir of the Central Park, was intolerable. Its reference to the Thurman bill would be Congress was undesirable. Those who wanted water should go to the Central Park, and yet they threatened all railroad legislation of Congress with law suits. The railroad baron had great work to do in calling to account those dredgers if any one would give up a house, unless some compensation made for water.

Mr. KERNAN said he had been told that the payment of \$25,000 would create a deficit in the District treasury, and that deficit would have to be met by the good of Congress.

Mr. DODSEY said he did not remember of a bill ever having been brought forward for the relief of the people of Capitol Hill, except from Senator from New York (Mr. Kernan) had not some extraordinary information on the subject unknown to the District Committee or the District Commissioners. That section did not, however, come under the charge of the District Commissioners.

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